

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

In addition to the form letter compiled by Dish/Direct, as a former Dish Network customer sales representative I am familiar with the many reasons that this merger should be approved, the main reason being the availability of local news and weather to many families that do not currently have available to them.

If for no other reason than to provide them with up to date information of hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and such, due to poor transmission or total inability to access this information in each particular county/region, many do have access but not that would necessarily apply to them as the news/weather they do have access to is too far away from them to adequately keep them safe and sound in case of a natural disaster or whatever may be the case.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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